

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please replace paragraph 53 with the following paragraph:

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FIG. 6A depicts FIG. 6B, wherein three dimensional XYZ axes are superimposed on the cross-sectional view depicted by FIG. 6B, taken along line 6-6 of FIG. 4. The cross-sectional view is a view of the distribution plate 40, wherein an X axis is parallel to the surfaces 42 and 43 of the distribution plate 40, a Y axis is perpendicular to the X axis in the same plane as the X axis, and a Z axis, orthogonal to the X and Y axes and to the cross-sectional view of the distribution plate 40. The right triangle ABO is in the XY plane. The line AB of the right triangle ABC is also in the XY plane. However, the line or path 175 drawn through the center 79 of the  $n_2$  channels 5 of the second type may be offset by an angle DAC 215 equal to  $\alpha_2$  with respect to the plane XY as it exits the surface 43 of the channels 5. The same line or path 175 drawn through the center 79 of  $n_2$  channels 5 of the second type may be offset by an angle BAC 220 equal to  $\beta_2$  with respect to the XY plane. The offset angles  $\alpha_2$  and  $\beta_2$  with respect to the plane XY may be from about 0 to -45 and about 0 to +45 degrees with respect to the XY plane of the cross-sectional view.